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Resolution recognizing Diabetes and Oral Health Awareness Day on November 20, 2015.

WHEREAS,

DIABETES AND ORAL HEALTH AWARENESS DAY

was held on November 20, 2015 to raise awareness of the oral health needs of people with diabetes and how to mobilize to improve dental care coverage for all; and

WHEREAS, *Although dental caries and periodontal disease are largely preventable, they are among the most common chronic diseases in the United States, and the high prevalence of dental diseases is of concern given the bidirectional relationship with diabetes; and*

WHEREAS, *Periodontal disease occurs with higher frequency among individuals with diabetes and poorly controlled diabetes can lead to oral thrush, dry mouth, dental caries, and tooth loss; and*

WHEREAS, *Access to proper dental care and bilingual and bicultural oral health education are two steps in combating oral health disparities among individuals with diabetes; and*

WHEREAS, *Diabetes and Oral Health Awareness Day brings to the forefront the significant oral health needs of individuals with diabetes and underscores the importance of improving dental care access for all throughout the life course in order to achieve oral health equity and to build a healthier Milwaukee for all; now, therefore, be it*

RESOLVED, *That the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee herewith recognizes November 20, 2015 as Diabetes and Oral Health Awareness Day, and urges employers, schools, and other community organizations to observe the day, and to advance its important message throughout the year; and, be it*

FURTHER RESOLVED, *That a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution be presented to Milwaukee Diabetes and Oral Health Art Gallery.*

Introduced by Common Council members José G. Pérez, Michael J. Murphy, Mark A. Borkowski, Jim Bohl and Milele A. Coggs and approved by all members of the Milwaukee Common Council on November 24, 2015.